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SUBJECT: ESTATE CASE OF ERIC SCOTT HOLMGRAIN

REF: TOBIAS MEMORANDUM OF JUNE 30, 1978; NARIBOI 3880

1. REFTTEL NOT RECEIVED BY CUBBISON.
2. CUBBISON RECALLS CONVERSATION WITH MELESIS ABOUT CAR REGISTRATION BOOK TO EFFECT THAT BOOK SHOULD BE KEPT BY MELESIS TO FACILITATE EVENTUAL SALE OF CAR TO MOMBASA VOLKSWAGEN DEALER. THIS ONLY VAGUE RECOLLECTION, HOWEVER. CUBBISON BELIEVES DOCUMENT AS IMPORTANT AS REGISTRATION BOOK WOULD HAVE BEEN SPECIFICALLY LISTED ON INVENTORY HAD IT BEEN COLLECTED BY HIM.
3. CUBBISON SAID MELESIS GAVE NO INDICATION WHATEVER THEY EXPECTED COMPENSATION FOR TAKING CARE OF PROPERTY OF HOLMGRAIN, WHO HAD BEEN THEIR CLOSE FRIEND. MR. MELESI TOLD CUBBISON HE PERIODICALLY RAN CAR'S ENGINE TO KEEP IT IN GOOD SHAPE BUT NEVER INDICATED HE FELT QUOTE BURDEN OR RESPONSIBILITY UNQUOTE FOR WHICH HE EXPECTED PAYMENT.

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CUBBISON'S DEALINGS WERE EXCLUSIVELY WITH MR. MELESI, BUT BOTH MELESIS WERE MOST CORIDAL DURING CUBBISON'S VISIT.

4. CUBBISON SAID SIX WEEKS DELAY OCCURRED BECAUSE MELESIS WERE ON HOLIDAY WHEN COMPLETED INVENTORY WAS SENT TO MOMBASA FOR THEIR SIGNATURES. SIGNED INVENTORY WAS THEN SENT TO HOLMGRAIN FAMILY, BUT NO INSTRUCTIONS

RECEIVED FROM THEM AS OF TIME CUBBISON DEPARTED NAIROBI A
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